

UNITED STATES ARMY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Before
PENLAND, HAYES, and MORRIS
Appellate Military Judges

UNITED STATES, Appellee
v.
Sergeant RYAN C. THOMAS
United States Army, Appellant

ARMY 20210662

ORDER

WHEREAS:

On 31 August 2021, a military judge sitting as a general court-martial convicted appellant, pursuant to his pleas, of one specification of failing to obey a general regulation and one specification of adultery. On 17 December 2021, an enlisted panel sitting as a general court-martial convicted appellant, contrary to his pleas, of two specifications of maltreatment and two specifications of sexual abuse of a child.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:


On its own motion, this Court specifies the following issue:

WHETHER THE MILITARY JUDGE ERRED IN
DENYING APPELLANT'S *BATSON* CHALLENGE.

Appellant shall file a brief on the specified issue no later than seven days from the date of this order. Appellee shall file a responsive brief no later than seven days from the date of Appellant's brief. Appellant may file a reply brief no later than seven days after Appellee's reply brief.

DATE: 10 January 2024

FOR THE COURT:


STEVEN P. HAIGHT
Acting Clerk of Court